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Pennsylvania's 2007 Fruit Production

HARRISBURG, PA, July 8, 2008 - - Pennsylvania apple production was 470 million pounds in 2007, unchanged from 2006, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pennsylvania Field Office. Of this 470 million pounds, 467 million pounds were utilized. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 21,900 pounds. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$66.5 million, up 11 percent from 2006. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in U.S. apple production behind Washington, New York, and Michigan. Washington produced 5.20 billion pounds, New York produced 1.31 billion pounds, and Michigan produced 770 million pounds.

Tart cherry production was 3.5 million pounds from 600 acres. The yield per bearing acre was 5,830 pounds, down from 7,430 pounds in 2006. The preliminary farm level value was \$1.4 million. Michigan, the top tart cherry producing state, harvested 196 million pounds.

Pennsylvania grape growers produced 84,000 tons from 12,100 acres in 2007. The preliminary farm level value was \$20.9 million. There were 71,500 tons of Concord, 5,600 tons of Niagara, and 6,900 tons of other grapes crushed in 2007. Grapes processed for wine totaled 14,500 tons, down 10 percent from 2006. Pennsylvania ranked fifth in grape production behind California, Washington, New York, and Michigan.

Pennsylvania peach production was 19,400 tons from 4,300 acres in 2007. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 4.51 tons per acre. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$17.5 million. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in peach production behind California, New Jersey, and Michigan.

Pear production was 4,000 tons from 800 acres in 2007. The preliminary farm level value was \$2.9 million.

Fruit Production: Pennsylvania and U.S., 2006-2007

Fruit	Pennsylvania				United States			
	Bearing Acres		Total Production		Bearing Acres		Total Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>
Apples	21,000	21,500	470	470	369,990	363,440	9,871.7	9,113.9
Tart Cherries	700	600	5.2	3.5	35,800	34,700	262.0	253.2
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Grapes	12,100	12,100	82,000	84,000	934,400	932,150	6,377,150	7,018,000
Peaches ¹	4,300	4,300	21,600	19,400	107,860	107,640	651,120	625,740
Pears	800	800	3,900	4,000	59,780	59,530	842,035	872,950

¹ Excludes California clingstones.

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